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Horses: Pregnancy

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of pregnant mares.

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Marnie Thomas, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions for pregnant mares to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable import health standard for live horses from Australia HORANIIC.AUS.

Clause 6.3: In case of any pregnant mares, the date of transport should not be more than 300 days after the last mating.

The reason for directing clearance is that there is no biosecurity risk associated with pregnant mares travelling after 300 days from the last mating. However, these mares must be accompanied by a letter from the Official Veterinarian stating that he/she has examined the mare, that the mare is fit to travel and that the travel does not compromise welfare of the mare and foal.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.